

THE U-2 AFFAIR**An Idea Grows to Success**By **DAVID WISE** and
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The U-2 was born in the last days of October, 1954, in Room 4E964 in the Pentagon, overlooking the Potomac.

It was the office of Trevor Gardner, a 39-year-old engineering prodigy who had been persuaded by President Eisenhower to join the Government in 1953 as a technical adviser to the Air Force on research and development. He made a dramatic exit three years later

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Gen. Donald L. Putt, deputy chief of staff for development. Their names were listed on a yellow piece of paper. It was called a control sheet and it

first model of the U-2 by August, 1955.

Before the U-2 could start spying, President Eisenhower had to give his approval. And according to the story he related to intimates, he had misgivings.

As a military man he realized that a nation, like an army, had to have a battle plan. It had to be an attack on the enemy for both sides. If caught, the United States would need a graceful exit and it would be possible.

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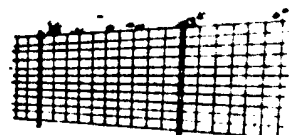
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